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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In October 2014 the Home Care Aide Program conditionally granted a home care aide credential to **Michelle Lynn Milliman** (HM60451425) and placed her on probation for at least two years. In 2009 Milliman was convicted of residential burglary.

Clark County

In October 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Sujuan Ma** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Ma, who has no massage practitioner credential, allegedly provided massage treatment to a patient.

In October 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Xiao Zhang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Zhang, who has no massage practitioner credential, allegedly provided massage treatment to a patient.

In October 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Ling Jiang** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Jiang, who has no massage practitioner credential, allegedly provided a patient with a massage treatment for \$60.

In October 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Ying Yu** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Yu, who has no massage practitioner credential, allegedly provided massage treatment to a patient.

In September 2014 the Home Care Aide Program denied a home care aide credential to **Alaura Lerae Garris** (HM60442913). In 2007 Garris was convicted of minor in possession. In 2014 she received a stay on a fourth-degree assault conviction.

King County

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program ended probation for registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Beth Ellen Tuthill** (NA00144266, NC60333889).

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Theresa Paea Soakai** (NC60426900). In 2004 Soakai was convicted in California of battery, and in 2013 she was convicted of fourth-degree assault in Washington.

In September 2014 the Home Care Aide Program denied a home care aide credential to **Artricheryl Denean Thomas** (HM60319090). She didn't comply with a requirement to undergo a substance use evaluation in order to be granted a license. In 2013 Thomas was twice convicted of driving while intoxicated.

In October 2014 the Veterinary Medication Clerk Program conditionally granted a veterinary medication clerk credential to **Adrienne Marcel Farrow** (VM60257907), placed her on probation and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Between 2004 and 2013 Farrow was convicted of one felony, six gross misdemeanors, and one misdemeanor.

In October 2014 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program conditionally granted an agency affiliated counselor credential to **Ethan William Shurick** (CG60436683) and placed him on probation for at least three years. In 2006 Shurick was convicted of first-degree negligent driving. In 2009 he was convicted of two counts of second-degree trafficking in stolen property.

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Chunping Ni** (MA60426076). She doesn't meet the educational requirements, and falsified information on her exam application.

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Ying Deng** (MA60414946). Deng doesn't meet the educational requirements, and provided false information.

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Zhuo Yang** (MA60411539), who doesn't meet the educational requirements.

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **YuQing Hui** (MA60440391), who doesn't meet the educational requirements.

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant credentials of **Probhjit K. Hehar** (NA60259726, NC60331901) and placed her on probation for at least one year. Hehar's licenses were suspended in August 2014 after she fell asleep while on duty as the only caregiver at an adult family home.

Kitsap County

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Christina Lee Kauffroath** (NC60492009) and placed her on probation for at least one year. In August 2014 Kauffroath was placed on probation when she was conditionally granted a registered nursing assistant license.

Okanagan County

In October 2014 the Social Worker Program entered an agreement with licensed social worker-independent clinical **Debra Van Brunt-Oreiro** (LA00006875) that reprimands her, places her on probation for at least two years, and fines her \$1,000. In 2013 Van Brunt-Oreiro pleaded guilty to making and subscribing a false income tax return.

Pierce County

In October 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Jason William Hindman** (CO60363483).

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Hongli Ru** (MA60431465), who falsified her educational background on her application.

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to **DeePak Singh Samra** (HM60331645). In 2014 Samra pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, second-degree depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, third-degree assault, first-degree rendering criminal assistance, and two counts of first-degree promoting prostitution.

Skagit County

In October 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional and Agency Affiliated Counselor programs ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee and agency affiliated counselor **Kealy Marie Marquis** (CO60418964, CG60338876).

In October 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Laura Irene Twing** (CO60490788), placed her on probation and ordered her to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2010 Twing was convicted of third-degree theft and violation of a no-contact order — domestic abuse, and in 2011 she was convicted of fourth-degree assault.

Snohomish County

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with registered

nursing assistant **Marivic Correa Baniaga** (NA00177207) that places her credential on probation for at least one year, and fines her \$500. When Baniaga applied to reactivate her license, a criminal background check showed that she was convicted of leaving children unattended in a vehicle at a liquor establishment in 2013.

Spokane County

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a certified home care aide credential to **Francheska Aariel Jones** (HM60420651). In August 2014 her pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant credentials were suspended for at least two years.

Thurston County

In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to **Delores Idalia Serpas Rodriguez** (HM60414042). In 2014 Rodriguez entered a diversion program after being charged with two counts of fourth-degree assault — domestic violence.

Walla Walla County

In October 2014 the Home Care Aide Program reinstated the credential of home care aide **Corey Gene Miller** (HM60314129). Miller's license was suspended in December 2013 after he didn't comply with an agreement requiring him to undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program.

Out of State

Florida: In September 2014 the secretary of health denied a massage practitioner credential to **Yunxiang Zhang** (MA60415809), who falsified her educational background on her application.

Utah: In October 2014 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional and chemical dependency professional trainee **Curtis M. Polteno** (CP60178965, CO60174861) with unprofessional conduct. Polteno allegedly didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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